

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 3, and 5 have been amended, claims 4, 7, 8, and 10 through 19 have been canceled, and new claims 20 through 27 have been added, herein. All cancellations and amendments are made without prejudice. Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below. Please enter these claims as amended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A shotgun sling adaptor, comprising:
a grommet formed of a relatively thin, ~~flexible~~ resiliently elastic material having an annular opening ~~sized to receive~~ with a diameter less than an outside diameter of a magazine tube which receives an end of a magazine tube of a shotgun by slightly stretching to fit over the magazine tube and sized to be held relative to the magazine tube by a stock magazine cap; and
a sling connector configured for attachment to the grommet, wherein the sling connector is configured to couple an end of a gun sling to the grommet.
2. The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 1, wherein a thickness of the grommet allows the attachment of the stock magazine cap to the magazine tube with the grommet held thereinbetween.
3. (Currently Amended) The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 1, wherein the annular opening is ~~configured with a diameter less than an outside diameter of a magazine tube and including~~ includes radial scoring to effectively increase the annular opening diameter to about the external diameter of the magazine tube.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 1, wherein said ~~flexible~~ resiliently elastic material is comprised of at least one of rubber, reinforced rubber, neoprene, nylon, plastic, denim, leather and synthetic leather.

6. The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 1, wherein the sling connector comprises at least one of a metal ring and a plastic ring.

Claims 7 and 8 (Canceled).

9. The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 1, wherein the sling connector is attached to the grommet by a loop of the grommet material.

Claims 10 through 19 (Canceled).

20. (New) A shotgun sling adaptor, comprising:
a grommet formed of a relatively thin, flexible material configured to be held directly against the forend of a magazine tube by a stock magazine cap and having an annular opening sized to receive an end of a magazine tube of a shotgun; and
a sling connector configured for attachment to the grommet, wherein the sling connector is configured to couple an end of a gun sling to the grommet.

21. (New) The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 20, wherein the flexible material comprises a resiliently elastic material and the annular opening is configured with a diameter less than an outside diameter of a magazine tube, such that the annular opening must be slightly stretched to fit over the magazine tube.

22. (New) The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 20, further comprising radial scoring to effectively increase the annular opening diameter to about the external

diameter of the magazine tube.

23. (New) The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 20, wherein said flexible material is comprised of at least one of rubber, reinforced rubber, neoprene, nylon, plastic, denim, leather and synthetic leather.

24. (New) The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 20, wherein the sling connector comprises at least one of a metal ring and a plastic ring.

25. (New) The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 20, wherein the sling connector is attached to the grommet by a loop of the grommet material.

26. (New) The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 20, wherein the grommet includes a cutout relief, such that no part of the sling adaptor contacts a barrel of the shotgun upon installation.

27. (New) The shotgun sling adaptor according to claim 1, wherein the grommet includes a cutout relief, such that no part of the sling adaptor contacts a barrel of the shotgun upon installation.